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In re application of:

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TO AMINATED SUBSTRATES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 19, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 67 without prejudice.

Please replace the text of claims 64 and 68-70 with the following text:

64. (Amended) A method of detecting a polypeptide contained in a sample, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a modified substrate;
- (b) providing a probe polypeptide that can form a complex with the target polypeptide;
- (c) contacting either the probe or target polypeptide with a surface of the substrate and drying the substrate whereby either the probe or target polypeptide directly adsorbs and immobilizes on the substrate surface to form a probe assay article or a target assay article, respectively;

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